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**Question:** How do I know if my facility is a Public Water System as defined by Section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Act?

**Answer:**

The definition of a Public Water System under Section 1401 of the Safe Water Drinking Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f, is "a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves at least twenty-five individuals. Such term includes (i) any collection, treatment, storage and distribution facilities under control of the operator of such system and used primarily in connection with such systems, and (ii) any collection with such system." For more information about the Safe Drinking Water Act, see <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/sdwa/>.

Please note that if a public water system, as defined under Section 1401, is present at a facility that possesses a COI in an amount at or above the applicable Screening Threshold Quantity, the facility may nevertheless be required to submit a CSAT Top-Screen for any portions of the facility that are not part of the exempt public water system.